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1. On 10 June 1952 [REDACTED] great difficulties were being encountered in the carrying out of the re-electrification of railroads in Central Germany. When plans were first made in April 1952, an initial sum of 9,000,000 DM (East) was foreseen for 1952 for work on the power plant at Muldenstein, the subpower plant at Marke, and the former AFV (Panzer) construction works at Koenigsborn. The works at Koenigsborn were to be used, when rebuilt, as storage buildings and for repair of steel masts.
2. [REDACTED] subsequently the State Planning Commission had reduced the 9,000,000 DM to 5,000,000 DM and that this sum had been submitted to the Ministerial Council for approval. However, the Ministerial Council had refused to approve the 5,000,000 DM and had stated that no money would be available for 1952.
3. With reference to the equipment to be returned by the Russians, under an agreement recently signed by the USSR and the Deutsche Reichsbahn, [REDACTED] so far, some 446 carloads of material had been returned to East Germany and that 422 had been sent to Muldenstein. The remaining 24 cars were sent to the RAW (major railroad repair shop) at Dessau. No electric locomotives had been returned.

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